

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 338  
By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Oscar Scott for his  
deserving recognition as winner of the National  
Jefferson Award for Outstanding Community  
Service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Scott, a gentleman devoted to serving children, is one such remarkable public servant and a voice of integrity in this state; and

WHEREAS, a long-time resident of Ooltewah, Oscar Scott has been a farmer for all of his exemplary life; he retired from the Electric Power Board in Chattanooga after 32 years of meritorious service, and he has proven to be a valuable asset to the community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his honorable tenure as a farmer, he has adhered to the common sense approach and has displayed the common touch in all endeavors, working well with old and young alike; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Scott was born the 17th child of 24 children to a family of farmers in Alabama; having farmed most of his life instead of attending school, he diligently works so that others may have the opportunities he was not afforded; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott, who raises money yearly for the United Negro College Fund, also founded Alabama and Friends, an organization that awards scholarships to Tennessee students who wish to attend college in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Scott is highly regarded as a farmer, public servant and friend in Ooltewah, and he steadfastly maintains his old-fashioned values of hard work and dedication as a noble son of the soil; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott believes the farmer is the foundation of what makes America great because, as he so astutely point out, we all have to eat; and

WHEREAS, this diligent farmer of Ooltewah hosts Farm Days on his Ooltewah Farm for hundreds of children to teach them the importance of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott is the winner of the National Jefferson Award for Outstanding Community Service, after being chosen as one of the five regional finalists in the Chattanooga area; he was presented with the award by United States Senators, Bill Frist and Fred Thompson; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Scott is the quintessential public servant who is wholly committed to the values that make this nation great and the highest ideals of public service, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Oscar Scott for his meritorious service to the Ooltewah community, salute his commitment to children, education and agriculture, and congratulate him on his receipt of the National Jefferson Award for Outstanding Community Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.